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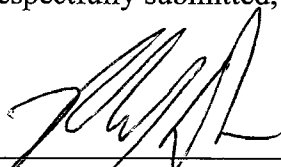
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed April 19, 2007, applicant elects the invention of Group I, corresponding to claims 1-26, 37, 41-75, 77 and 78. The election is made without traverse.

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